

**IKE'S CAFÉ & GRILL EXPANDS IN MARIETTA WITH FULL-SERVICE DINING EXPERIENCE OPENING THIS SPRING**

*On the Heels of its Edgewood Announcement, the Growing African Restaurant Concept Unveils its Next Chapter*

**ATLANTA:** Following the recent announcement of its upcoming Edgewood location opening at 487 Edgewood Ave, SE, Atlanta, GA, Ike's Café & Grill is preparing to open a new 3,200-square-foot, full-service dining experience in Marietta (724 Cherokee St., Marietta, GA 30060) this spring, marking a significant evolution for the growing African restaurant group.

The Ike's story began in 1995 with the opening of Ike's Tropical Food Market in Norcross. What started as a neighborhood grocery became a cultural hub for West African ingredients and specialty goods. By 2011, growing customer demand led the family to offer freshly prepared packaged meals, a move that ultimately inspired the opening of the first Ike's Café & Grill in Norcross on Dec. 21, 2013. That transition marked the brand's shift from market to restaurant and laid the foundation for its expansion.

Following the success of the Norcross location, Ike's expanded to Kumasi, Ghana, later adding additional concepts including an Atlanta ghost kitchen, a New Kumasi Airport location, and continued growth in Marietta. Today, the family also operates Ike's Village, a boutique hotel in Ghana, with a new 55-room hotel slated to open later this year — reflecting the brand's evolution into an international, family-led hospitality group.

At the center of that growth is a collaborative family partnership. Founder, Ike Kwarteng, built the foundation, while Mother, Ama Serwah, has played a monumental role as menu curator and interior design visionary for all Ike's restaurants and hotels. Today, Ike has transitioned day-to-day U.S. leadership to his sons, Mike and Kwab Kwarteng, and his daughter, Marcy Kwarteng, as the next generation carries the family legacy forward.

Today, in addition to its flagship Norcross restaurant (1250 Tech Dr., Norcross, GA 30093), Ike's operates high-performing fast-casual "ghost kitchen" locations in Marietta (opened September 2025) and the West End (opened June 2024). These locations focus exclusively on to-go service, allowing guests to conveniently order at an in-store kiosk for quick pick up or place delivery orders through major platforms like DoorDash and Grubhub, where both outposts have become top performers.

Now, Ike's is expanding its Marietta footprint by taking over the available restaurant space upstairs, transforming it into a full-service dining destination designed for gathering and connection. Conveniently located with ample parking and just minutes from Marietta Square, the new location will offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a welcoming sit-down setting while maintaining the Ike's grill-forward identity. Guests can expect hearty breakfast plates that reflect the depth of African cuisine, as well as a dinner menu rooted in bold, comforting flavors, including smoky jollof rice, tender suya, rich egusi soup, peppered meats, grilled chicken, fish, and plantains. The menu will remain consistent across all Ike's locations, allowing guests to enjoy the same favorites whether dining in or ordering to-go.

"This new space represents growth for our family and for our community," said Ike Kwarteng, Founder of Ike's Café & Grill. "We started Ike's with a simple goal: to share African flavors in a way that feels welcoming and accessible. The overwhelming success of our Marietta ghost kitchen showed us just how strong the demand is in this community, and expanding into full-service dining here felt like the natural next step. This new restaurant allows us to create a place where families can gather, celebrate, and experience the richness of African cuisine in a comfortable, modern setting that can be enjoyed at any time."

In the coming months, Ike's will also debut a premium African coffee program at each location, adding another layer to the cultural experience and deepening its commitment to showcasing the richness of the continent's culinary traditions.

Building on its foundation, Ike's is redefining itself as a dynamic African culinary destination that celebrates flavors from across the continent while expanding thoughtfully across metro Atlanta. By leading with grilled specialties and familiar flavor profiles, the brand creates an accessible entry point — pairing bold cuisine with education and hospitality that invites guests to explore with confidence. Each new restaurant reflects Ike's commitment to consistency, quality, and community impact, presenting authentic flavors in a modern, welcoming environment. With Marietta's full-service debut and Edgewood on the horizon, Ike's Café & Grill continues to position itself as a scalable, flagship African restaurant concept rooted in heritage and designed for the future.

The full-service Marietta location will be open seven days a week (Monday-Saturday 7 a.m.-10 p.m. + Sundays noon to 9 p.m.), seating 100-120 guests, and is expected to open in mid-March. Additional details, including opening celebrations and menu

highlights, will be announced soon. Photos, interviews, tours, Norcross dining experiences, and additional information are available upon request.

**ABOUT IKE'S CAFÉ & GRILL:** Ike's Cafe & Grill is a family-founded hospitality brand known for blending authentic African flavors with modern dining experiences that bring people together. Built on a foundation of culture, community, and exceptional service, Ike's offers guests more than a meal; it delivers an atmosphere rooted in connection, tradition, and celebration. With multiple locations across Georgia and continued expansion underway, Ike's has become a destination where food, culture, and hospitality intersect. The brand focuses on creating welcoming spaces that serve diverse audiences while honoring African heritage through thoughtfully crafted menus, curated experiences, and community engagement. From everyday dining to special events, Ike's Cafe & Grill continues to grow as a lifestyle-driven brand committed to quality, consistency, and storytelling through food. For more information, visit [ikescafe.com](https://ikescafe.com) and follow along on Instagram at [@ikescafeandgrill](https://www.instagram.com/ikescafeandgrill).

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